

Claims shall certify to the proper accounting officers of the United States the findings of fact heretofore made for claimants in claims of officers of the United States Army for longevity pay under the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States in United States against Morton (volume 112, United States Reports, page 1) and United States against Watson (volume 130, United States Reports, page 80), and of the Court of Claims in Stewart against United States (volume 34, Court of Claims Reports, page 553).

And that the proper accounting officers of the United States shall proceed to settle the claims so certified and all other claims for longevity pay and allowances on account of services of officers in the Regular Army arising under section 15 of an Act approved July 5, 1838, entitled "An Act to increase the present Military Establishment of the United States, and for other purposes," and subsequent Acts affecting longevity pay and allowances, in accordance with the decisions of the courts of the United States in all cases in which heretofore, namely, between 1890 and 1908, such claims were disallowed by any accounting officer of the Treasury, and no decision of a comptroller heretofore made against a claimant under said section 15 shall prevent a settlement under the terms of this Act of any such disallowed claim. Every such claim shall be payable to the claimant or to his widow or to his legal representative: *Provided*, That no claim hereunder shall be allowed if made by any person who is an assignee of such claim nor to a legal representative without proof of the existence of blood relations to whom the fund would be distributed: *Provided further*, That it shall be unlawful for any agent or attorney, firm of attorneys, or any person engaged heretofore or hereafter in preparing, presenting, or prosecuting any claim under this Act to charge or receive more than 10 per centum of any amount appropriated in satisfaction of the claim.

Approved, January 29, 1927.

CHAP. 63.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the city of Quincy, State of Illinois, its successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Mississippi River.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the city of Quincy, State of Illinois, its successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Mississippi River at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, between the city of Quincy, State of Illinois, and a point opposite in the State of Missouri, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906, and subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act.

SEC. 2. There is hereby conferred upon the city of Quincy, its successors and assigns, all such rights and powers to enter upon lands and to acquire, condemn, occupy, possess, and use real estate and other property needed for the location, construction, operation, and maintenance of such bridge and its approaches as are possessed by railroad corporations for railroad purposes or by bridge corporations for bridge purposes in the State in which such real estate or other property is situated, upon making just compensation therefor, to be ascertained and paid according to the laws of such State, and the proceedings therefor shall be the same as in the condemnation or expropriation of property in such State.

SEC. 3. The said city of Quincy, its successors and assigns, is hereby authorized to fix and charge tolls for transit over such bridge,

Court of Claims to certify findings of fact in claims for, to accounting officers.

Settlement thereof, and other disallowed claims, directed.

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Beneficiaries.
Provisos.
Limitation of payment.

Fee restricted.

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Mississippi River.
Quincy, Ill., authorized to bridge.

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Right to condemn, etc., real estate for location, etc.

Condemnation proceedings.

Tolls authorized.

and the rates of toll so fixed shall be the legal rates until changed by the Secretary of War under the authority contained in the Act of March 23, 1906.

Rates of toll to provide for operation, sinking fund to amortize cost, etc.

Maintenance as free bridge, etc., subsequently.

Record of expenditures and receipts.

Amendment.

SEC. 4. In fixing the rates of toll to be charged for the use of such bridge the same shall be so adjusted as to provide a fund sufficient to pay for the cost of maintaining, repairing, and operating the bridge and its approaches, and to provide a sinking fund sufficient to amortize the cost of such bridge and its approaches as soon as possible under reasonable charges, but within a period of not to exceed twenty years from the completion thereof. After a sinking fund sufficient to pay the cost of constructing the bridge and its approaches shall have been provided, such bridge shall thereafter be maintained and operated free of tolls, or the rates of toll shall thereafter be so adjusted as to provide a fund of not to exceed the amount necessary for the proper care, repair, maintenance, and operation of the bridge and its approaches. An accurate record of the cost of the bridge and its approaches, the expenditures for operating, repairing, and maintaining the same, and of the daily tolls collected shall be kept and shall be available for the information of all persons interested.

SEC. 5. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

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[Public, No. 577.]

CHAP. 64.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the State of Michigan and Berrien County, or either of them, to reconstruct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Saint Joseph River.

Saint Joseph River. Michigan and Berrien County may reconstruct bridge across, at Benton Harbor.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the State of Michigan and Berrien County, or either of them, to reconstruct the existing bridge and approaches thereto across the Saint Joseph River, at, or near, Benton Harbor, Michigan, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, and to maintain and operate the same in accordance with the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906.

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

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February 5, 1927.

[H. R. 10082.]

[Public, No. 578.]

CHAP. 65.—An Act To permit construction, maintenance, and use of certain pipe lines for petroleum and its products.

District of Columbia. Pipe lines for petroleum and products permitted from square 704 to the Eastern Branch.

Streets named.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the owner of square numbered 704, in the city of Washington, said square being bounded by South Capitol Street, P Street south, One-half Street east, and O Street south, or his representative duly authorized in writing, be, and is hereby, permitted to lay down, construct, maintain, and use pipe lines for the carriage of petroleum and its products from points in said square numbered 704 in and through the following streets, namely: One-half Street east between O and R Streets south, and in R Street south to the Eastern Branch of the Potomac River, or in P Street south to First Street east, thence in First Street east to the Eastern Branch of the Potomac River, as may be prescribed by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia.